

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, at line 2, insert, after the title, the following headings and paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of co-pending International Application No. PCT/IB02/02639; filed July 5, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, at line 3, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 6, at line 4, please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 6, at line 30, please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following amended paragraph: Referring now to Fig. 2, a bag 25 very similar to bag 1 of Fig. 1 is not provided with handles, the opening 26 at the top of the bag stretching across the entire top edge thereof. Indicia in the form of shaded or ~~coloured~~ colored areas 27, arrows 28 and written instructions are applied to the front and rear walls 2 and 3 as well as to the panels 8 and 9 to indicate where to grip and how to open the bag by indicating the direction of pulling. The indicia may be of different kinds, for instance the entire top third of the lateral zones 17 and 18 may be shaded or ~~coloured~~ colored. These indicia may also be applied to the bag of Fig. 1.